

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are all the claims pending in the application, with claims 1, 31, and 39 being the only independent claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Advisory Action indicates that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 has been withdrawn.

Claims 1-23, 31-34, and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baudel et al. (5,666,499) in view of newly cited Barber et al. (5,586,243). Claims 24-30 and 36-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baudel and Barber, and further in assorted other references identified on pages 14-19 of the current Action. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, and requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following arguments.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's position set forth in the Advisory Action. However, Applicant respectfully disagrees with this position and fully believes that the claims are patentable over the cited references for at least the reasons set forth in the last response. To expedite prosecution Applicant submits the forgoing claim amendments which serve to further define these claims over the cited references.

In particular, Applicant notes that claim 1 recites "positioning a first cursor . . . responsive to user input from a first sensor associated with a user interface device" and "positioning a second cursor . . . responsive to user input from a second sensor associated with said user interface device." Barber is distinguishable since col. 10, lines 1-7 simply suggest, at best, the use of only a single sensor of an associated mouse to control each of the pointers. Baudel is even more distinguishable since it uses two different pointing devices. The distinction is that claim 1 requires only one user interface device such that the first and second sensor are each associated with the same user interface device. Independent claims 31 and 39 include similar distinctions.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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